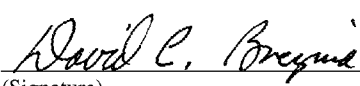


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

In response to the Final Office Action of September 9, 2008, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.